



# HARVEST Presbyterian Church

*First Sunday of Advent*  
December 1, 2019

**A Service of Worship**

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*Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30 and ending on the day before Christmas, the season of Advent is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. This is a season in which the Church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. It is also common for Advent to be observed, in addition to the regular corporate worship services of the Church, through a special service of Lessons & Carols, often on Christmas Eve.*



## Reflection

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*  
(Psalm 133.1)

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

(Galatians 3.27-28)

*Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

*And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

(Ephesians 2.13-22)

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
*Corporate Worship*

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**The Corporate Invocation**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, *no.* 194

**The Call to Worship**

*from Luke 1.68-75*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

**As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;**

To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,

**To grant us, that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

Because of the tender mercy of our God, he has given the knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins.

**Whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Therefore, beloved, let us worship God together in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.

He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.

Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

*(song continues on the next page ...)*

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - he the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope!  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa &  
Michael Bleecker, 2012*

### **My Heart Is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light;  
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose every thought is love;  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2003*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell\*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'

\*\* 'catholic' here means 'universal'

*(Though not written by the Apostles, this Creed bears their name as an accurate reflection and summary of their teaching. It has been used as a shared confession of faith for over 1,600 years by Christ-followers of all different languages & nations, tribes & tongues.)*

## The Pastoral Prayer

*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

*(John 17.20-23)*

## The Offering

**The Preaching of God's Word**  
**Ephesians 4.1-6**

Rev. Russell McCutcheon  
*church planter, Reconciliation Church*

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## The Lord's Supper

*For Singing Together During the Supper ...*

### **Jesus, With Thy Church Abide**

Jesus, with Thy church abide; be her savior, Lord, and Guide.  
While on earth her faith is tried: we beseech Thee, hear us.  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure: we beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee: we beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind: we beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss,  
Counting earthly gain but dross: we beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,  
Gather all the nations in: we beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.

*Words: Thomas Benson Pollock, 1871*

*Music: Chris Miner, 1997*

**The Parting Hymn**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds, no. 359**

**The Benediction**

*Numbers 6.24-6*

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

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## Announcements & Reminders

### **Family Dinner – This Evening**

*Wanting to connect with other believers? develop relationships in the church? end the day with relaxed, unhurried fellowship?* Join us at 5pm this evening in the fellowship hall. If you're able, please bring a dish to share and then stay as long as you like.

### **Ladies Christmas Dinner Party – This Thursday**

Our Christmas Dinner party will start promptly at 6:30pm with a catered dinner to be served at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift for yourself and each of your daughters. Gift costs should be limited to \$10.00 each. The Christmas Party is solely for Harvest Church women attendees, their daughter(s) and nursing babies. There will be NO Nursery provided for this event. Contact Mary Turner to RSVP or with questions ([mpmturner3@yahoo.com](mailto:mpmturner3@yahoo.com) or at 757.531.5763).

### **Holiday Schedule**

Please note our *Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve*, beginning at 5pm with a meal to follow. Please arrive no later than 4:45 so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude. Also note that there will be *no Sunday School* the last Sunday in December.

### **Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families**

**Aaron & Katrina Smith**   **Jordan & Cathy Horn** (Joshua & Will)

### **Nursery Reminders:**

**Dec 1 – SS:** Okhui Munn, Dan & Melanie Norvell

*Worship Infant:* Brittany S., Aubrey M. & Grace G.

*Worship Toddler:* Cathy H., Amanda Y., Anna B. & Colin B.

**Dec 8 – SS:** Leslee Davis, Mary Respass & Thayne Ehrhart

*Worship Infant:* Jayson & Jessie Fulmer, Rebekah Magill

*Worship Toddler:* Brent & Amy Cochran, Tori Wells & Joy Davis